

Symposium to discuss use of ASL in the education of deaf students

Linguistic researchers at Gallaudet will present a controversial paper at a symposium on "Access: Language in Deaf Education" on Feb. 21 that will challenge fundamental existing practices in education of deaf students.

Drs. Robert E. Johnson, Scott Liddell, and Carol Erting, in their paper "Unlocking the Curriculum: Principles for Achieving Access in Deaf Education," propose that American Sign Language be used to teach core subjects to deaf students, and that English be taught as a second language.

The symposium, to be held Feb. 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the MSSD Auditorium, is sponsored by the Gallaudet Research Institute and is open to the public. It will also be broadcast live on Channel 33 of the Gallaudet cable television system.

Following the presentation of the paper, a panel of professionals representing various perspectives will respond, and there will also be an open discussion. Panelists include Dr. David Denton, superintendent of the Maryland School for the Deaf; Dr. Gerilee Gustason, professor of education at Gallaudet; Dr. David Martin, dean of the School of Education and Human Services at Gallaudet; Dr. Carol Padden, associate professor of communication at the University of California, San Diego; and Roberta Thomas of the American Society for Deaf Children.

In most American programs for deaf

children, students are taught using Total Communication, a combination of speaking and a variety of signing that attempts to reflect the structure of English speech.

According to Johnson, Liddell, and Erting, this method of communication is expected to be both the source for acquiring English language and the vehicle for teaching course content. However, they say that the actual signs produced under such conditions are largely incomprehensible to deaf people. As a result, many deaf children do not have a firm grounding in any single language and do not fully understand many of their classroom lessons. This accounts for the fact that deaf children lag behind hearing students of the same age in many basic subjects, they claim.

The second part of the paper outlines a basic curriculum approach and discusses how to implement it.

The symposium will address the questions of how to equip teachers of deaf students to teach using ASL, provide deaf children with early ASL experience, and teach English to deaf children through reading and writing.

Copies of the paper can be obtained by calling the Gallaudet Research Institute at x5400 or from the following locations: University Center desk in Ely Center, HMB Room 161, Fowler Hall Room 210, Fay House main desk, or Dawes House Room 301.



U.S. Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos (center), and his wife Peggy (second left), observe a KDES preschool class taught by Bettie Waddy-Smith during a Jan. 31 visit to Gallaudet. The couple was also honored at a reception at House One.

Deaf Way Language Committee selects presentations for conference

How important is sign language in the creation and maintenance of deaf culture? What are the most effective ways of teaching sign language to hearing people? What is the role of the native sign language in the education of deaf children?

These are some of the questions that the Language Committee of The Deaf Way Conference and Festival plan to have addressed during the week of July 9-14.

The Language Committee, co-chaired

by Brenda Mitchiner and Pat Richey, has been reviewing and selecting presentation topics and speakers from among more than 400 proposals received.

"One of our goals," said Mitchiner, "is to focus on areas of interest to the deaf community worldwide, looking at issues regarding language preference and use that concern parents, students, teachers, and researchers interested in the languages of deaf people."

Deaf and hearing presenters will address topics including "Sign Dictionaries, Root Groups, and Symbols for Writing Signs" (in Taiwanese sign language); "A New Method for Teaching Reading Skills to Deaf Children in Elementary School" (used in a Lebanese school experimenting with a bilingual approach to education); "The Study of Sign Language in Society"; and "The Role of Sign Language in the Education of Deaf Children."

Because of the international focus of The Deaf Way, language is a concern of planners in a practical way also. Deaf presenters representing Sweden, Italy, France, Denmark, Great Britain, Thailand, and the United States will sign their addresses in their native sign languages. Translation will be provided in American Sign Language, international sign communication, and several other sign languages, as well as in three spoken languages: English, Spanish, and French. The plenary addresses and major symposia will also be real-time captioned in English.

For information about The Deaf Way program, call Rachel Stone-Harris and Carol Erting, conference co-chairwomen, or Jane Norman, festival chairwoman, at x5339. For general information, call The Deaf Way office at x5035.

Jones discusses civil rights at black history kickoff

The pursuit of civil rights is like an eternal relay race that was started by our ancestors, is continued by the present generations, and will be carried on by our descendants, Elaine Jones told the Gallaudet community on Feb. 1.

Jones, the assistant counsel and manager of the Legal Defense Fund's Washington, D.C. bureau, and a champion of justice for minorities since she became the first black female graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law, kicked off the University's celebration of Black History Month with an address at Elstad Auditorium.

This is the first year that the University has sponsored a celebration of Black History Month, and the calendar is filled with programs and activities reflecting the theme "Empowering Our Community Through the Black Experience."

Jones said that in the "relay race for justice" there are certain principles required for running. First, "we all must run the race," she emphasized, "and never walk or crawl, and, by all means, refuse to stand still. We also must

not run in the wrong direction—never sideways, never backward, always forward.

"We have to know the race is a relay, part of a continuum—you have to know where you've come from to know where you want to go. We all

must know that we have a certain distance to cover, certain things to achieve, before we hand off the baton to future generations.

"And we must know that the race is never finished—we must be ever vigilant,"

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Black History speaker Elaine Jones (second from right) talks with Dr. Howard Busby, Leah Cox, Dr. Ann Davidson, and LaVarne Hines at a reception following her Feb. 1 presentation.

Race for rights must continue

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lant to secure and protect our rights. If you ignore your rights, you will lose them."

To illustrate her point through historical perspective, Jones said that black people in America really began their "race" for freedom in 1868 when the 13th Amendment to the Constitution abolished slavery, followed by the 14th Amendment making blacks U.S. citizens, and the 15th Amendment giving blacks the right to vote.

But Congress merely puts laws on the books, it does not enforce them. And the three amendments only laid the groundwork for blacks to wage a battle for civil rights that continues to this day to see that "justice for all" is truly served, Jones said.

The 1964 Civil Rights Act was the culmination of a prolonged united effort by black people and others to correct discrimination, but Jones warned that those efforts need to be continued, not only to end racial bias that still exists, but to hold onto the gains that have been made.

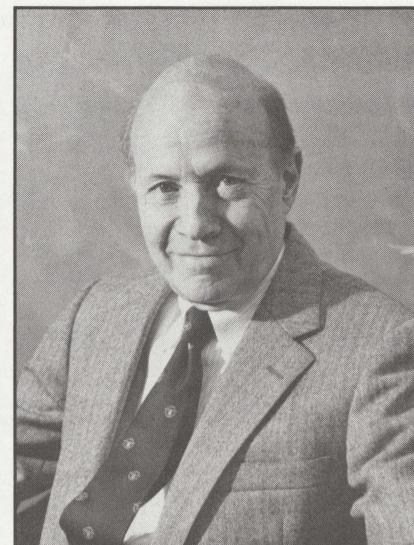
She urged the deaf community to coalesce with people with disabilities who will be affected by the Americans with Disabilities Act being considered by the 101st Congress. The act, which seeks to prohibit discrimination by private parties against people with disabilities, is needed, Jones said. "We are going to hear a lot of arguments [against the act]. It is coalition politics that can get it accomplished."

She added, "Dr. Jordan has said that 'the belief in the capacity for excellence is not reserved for those who can hear.' Neither is it for those who are white. He also said that deaf people are stronger when joined by all people with disabilities. I would say, too, that they are stronger when joined by all people who understand civil rights."

In closing, Jones said, "Gallaudet is on the map. You began, long before last March, to demand the recognition and respect that you deserve. But [the Deaf President Now movement] was not the end—it is the beginning."



Kathy Hughes, owner of radio station WOL, and Julius Westheimer, panelist for the TV series "Wall Street Week," will give talks at Gallaudet during SIFE Week.



SIFE Week filled with activities

Students in the School of Management will celebrate the accomplishments of small business people in America, especially minorities, during the week of Feb. 27-March 3.

The school's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team is presenting a number of activities, including free tax service by H&R Block and tax tips by representatives of the Internal Revenue Service. Talks by Julius Westheimer of the television program "Wall Street Week" and Washington radio station WOL owner Kathy Hughes highlight the week.

"SIFE Week," proclaimed by President King Jordan, caps months of projects for the SIFE team, in preparation for a competition against teams from other southeastern universities in Atlanta on April 10.

The Gallaudet team's theme is "Barrier Free Enterprise," showing that physical disabilities do not prevent a person from succeeding in business.

SIFE Week activities include:

Feb. 27—Noon luncheon for Hamilton Junior High School students followed by Kathy Hughes' talk.

Feb. 28—"Small Business Day" for Gallaudet community to promote, sell, and advertise their products, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; "Entrepreneur of the Year" award, noon.

March 1—Talk show with deaf entrepreneurs, 10 a.m.-2 p.m..

March 2—"Money and Credit Day"; Saks fashion show from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Westheimer speaks from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

All events take place in Ely Center. For further information, call x5312.

Announcements

On the Green will not be published on Feb. 20 because the staff is moving its offices. As of Feb. 14, OTG staff will be located in MSSD as follows: Vickie Walter, Room G-36, and Todd Byrd and Lynne McConnell, Room G-37. Nancy Moore, editor of *Gallaudet Today*, and Mary Johnstone, editor of *Preview*, will be in Rooms G-35 and G-39, respectively. All phone numbers will remain the same.

"DPN: Now and Forever!" a celebration of the first anniversary of the Deaf President Now movement, will be held on Saturday, March 4. Events scheduled include a cookout in the Ely Center Patio from 5-7:30 p.m., a program in the Field House from 7:30-8:30 p.m., a candle/flashlight ceremony from 8:30-9:30 p.m., and a party in Hughes Gym from 9:30 p.m.-2 a.m. For more information, call the GUAA at x5061 or Public Relations at x5505.

"Cross-Cultural Communication Issues" will be presented by Nancy Lewis, an instructor in the Northwest Campus Department of Communication and Developmental Studies, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Ely Center Auditorium. For more information, call Ethelyn Destefano at x5200.

An Al-Anon Adult Children of Alcoholics group will meet every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in Ely Center, Room S-8.

Winter theater production set

The winter production of Gallaudet's Theatre Arts Department, "Can Do!—A Revue," will feature ASL presentations using songs, dances, sketches, and monologues designed to show that deaf people "can do anything except hear."

The performance will be held Feb. 23, 24, and 25, and March 2, 3, and 4 at 8 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium. The review was conceived and directed by Gilbert Eastman, assisted by Rita Corey.

Tickets are free to Gallaudet students, cost \$3 for children and students, including sign language students, and are \$5 for all others.

Reservations can be made by calling x5500 (V) or x5502 (TDD). Box office hours are Feb. 20-22, 2-5 p.m.; Feb. 23-24, 2-8 p.m.; Feb. 25, 5-8 p.m.; Feb. 27-28, 2-5 p.m., March 1, 2-5 p.m.; March 2-3, 2-8 p.m., and March 4, 5-8 p.m.

The Office of Publications and Production is closed between noon and 1 p.m. The office includes art and photography services and the publications *On the Green*, *Gallaudet Today*, and *Preview*. Anyone wishing to leave a message on the answering machine between noon and 1 p.m. can call x5670 (V/TDD).

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FOR SALE: '80 Chevy Citation, 4 speed, ps/pb, new battery, runs OK, \$475. Baby car seat, \$20. Call Vickie, x5671.

WANTED: Used infant walker in good cond. Call Karen, x5373.

FREE: 2-1/2-mo.-old kittens to good home. Call Carl, x5584 (TDD).

FOR RENT: 2-BR Woodstream townhouse in Seabrook, Md., 2 1/2 baths, basement, W/D, brick patio, fenced yard, free pool privileges, near MARC/Metro, \$825/mo. Call x3447 or x5413 after 5:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: 4-BR spacious Marmansburg split-level on wooded cul-de-sac lot in Olde Crofton, Md.; 3 full baths; family, dining, and living rooms; eat-in kitchen; hardwood floors. Call Bill Darnell, x5375 or (301) 721-3136 (TDD) eves.

FOR RENT: Share townhouse at Woodstream development in Seabrook, Md., 2 1/2 baths, W/D, CAC, fireplace, backyard, brick patio, free pool, tennis court, and park privileges, near bus stop. Call Tina, x5657 (TDD) or 794-6712 eves.

FOR RENT: Large room w/private bath in immaculate rambler-style house in Springfield, Va., AC, laundry and storage room, fireplace, near 395 and I-95, half-block to bus, prefer nonsmoking female, no pets, must have car, \$395/mo. inc. util. Call 455-0247 (TDD), 641-5683 (TDD), or 455-6787 (V).

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

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